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Executive Order

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States of America, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the Act of Congress approved on June 7, 1924, entitled, "An Act to Provide for the protection of forest lands, for the reforestation of denuded areas, for the extension of National Forests, and for other purposes, in order to promote the continuous production of timber on lands chiefly suitable therefor", the following described lands, which comprise a part of the Fort Benning Military Reservation in the State of Georgia, and which, in the opinion of the Secretary of War and the Secretary of Agriculture, are suitable for the production of timber, hereby are established as a National Forest, to wit:

All of that part of the Fort Benning Military Reservation as shown upon the map hereto attached and made a part hereof.

The National Forest hereby created shall be known as the Benning National Forest.

The said Benning National Forest shall be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture under such rules and regulations and in accordance with such general plans as may be jointly approved by the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of War, for the use, occupation and protection of such lands and for the sale of products therefrom.

The lands comprising the said Benning National Forest shall remain subject to the unhampered use of the War Department for purposes of national defense and nothing in this order shall be construed to affect or restrict the authority over such land for purposes of national defense now vested in the Secretary of War.

The articles of War and all other laws, rules and regulations applicable to the military establishment shall continue in full force and effect at all times and under all conditions upon all lands included in the Benning National Forest hereby created except as otherwise provided by agreement between the Secretary of War and the Secretary of Agriculture.

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THE WHITE HOUSE, October 3, 1924.

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